

Although I am a subscriber to Sirius, I strongly oppose the NAB's restriction of satellite radio. Anytime I head to a large city covered by XM and Sirius, I know exactly where to tune to in order to get the latest traffic and weather information. No more searching around the AM/FM dial to find a station carrying traffic, only to find that the information is only given out once an hour, or the station is playing commercials when I need to hear traffic and weather information. While I cannot speak for XM's traffic channels, with Sirius Satellite Radio I get the traffic/weather information for the top 20 markets, two cities per channel, with a city played every four minutes. I get the important, timesaving information I need right away; not on the 8's, not after the 10 minute commercial break, now.

As with most of the NAB's complaints about satellite radio, the problem doesn't lie with XM and Sirius. The problem is with AM/FM broadcaster's unwillingness (or inability) to compete. Between the two companies, satellite radio has almost 2 million subscribers and millions more listeners through business subscriptions, TiVo and the DISH Network. It is the fastest growing subscription service ever. The NAB needs to stop asking the government to do their dirty work for them. The radio stations and media companies that they represent need to do what everybody else does to stay in business, COMPETE! They need to find out why people like me have had absolutely NO desire to turn on AM/FM since subscribing to satellite radio. I will give a couple clues, too many commercials and too many repeats!

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